

SALONIKI IS TRANSFORMED INTO FORTRESS BY THE ALLIES

Artillery Stationed on Heights, Gun Ranges Mapped, and Earthworks Constructed By Greek and Allies Workmen.

General Sarraïl and Diplomats Expect Invasion By Bulgarians or Austro-Germans Within Few Days.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 16.—Unconfirmed reports that Bulgarian cavalry has crossed the Greek frontier west of Giavelli reached here today from Saloniki.

ANTHENS, Dec. 16.—Saloniki is being transformed into an almost impregnable fortress by the allies, in anticipation of an Austro-German or Bulgarian attack.

Great gangs of Greek laborers, working side by side with soldiers of the allies, are digging row after row of earthworks. Engineers are busy day and night mapping gun ranges. Anglo-French artillery is being stationed on all the heights commanding the approach to the city and the railway line leading north from Saloniki is heavily mined.

Neither General Sarraïl nor the Anglo-French diplomatic representatives have any doubt that Austro-German or Bulgarian forces will invade Greek territory within a few days.

HEAVY GUNS ARRIVE.

Though large bodies of French troops have fallen back in the direction of Saloniki, the British continue to hold a position north of Kildiner, within artillery range of the Bulgarians across the border near Lake Doiran. Three transport loads of re-enforcements disembarked at Saloniki yesterday. At the same time, large supplies of heavy guns and other war materials were put ashore. Excepting a small force, the Greek troops have evacuated Saloniki, leaving the city at the disposal of the expeditionary forces. Despite the belief that the Allies doubt the Germans will make a serious attempt to sweep General Sarraïl into the sea, the Greek newspapers declare unanimously that not a single Bulgarian soldier will be allowed on Greek soil. They also assert that under the protection of their warships guns, the allies would have no difficulty in beating back all possible attacks. They believe the Germans realize that such an attempt would be hopeless.

Italians Move Troops Across Adriatic to Advance to Serbia

PARIS, Dec. 16.—That Italian troops and war supplies have been landed in Albania and are moving to the relief of the Serbian army, is indicated in a dispatch from Rome today. It admits the destruction of the Italian destroyer Impetosa and the transport El Umberto by drifting mines in the Adriatic. Only forty-three lives were lost, it was stated. In making public these facts, Italian officials declared their losses to be comparatively light in view of the fact that the bulk of the Italian fleet had been reached their destinations unharmed. Excepting the sinking of the two ships mentioned, the Austrians have been successful only in their attacks on small merchant vessels carrying supplies to the Albanian coast.

Sofia Hints Bulgars May Continue Pursuit Across Greek Border

BERLIN (via wireless to Saxville), Dec. 16.—That the Greek frontier may continue the pursuit of the allies into Greece is indicated in an official statement from Sofia today. The statement, made public at Sofia yesterday, declares that Bulgarian troops have not yet actually stopped pursuing the allies at the Greek frontier.

King Peter of Serbia Given Italian Asylum

ROME, Dec. 16.—The aged King Peter of Serbia, who was forced to flee through the Albanian mountains to escape capture by the Bulgarians, will arrive in Italy within a few days from Scutari. The royal villa at Caserta has been placed at his disposal by King Victor Emmanuel.

Holiday Excursion Fares South and Southwest, including Texas, Oklahoma, Ark. Southern Railway—Adv.

Faces Opposition For Suffrage Leadership



MRS. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT.

SUFFRAGISTS BOLT "REGULAR" TICKET

"Co-operative" Candidates Opposed to Catt Slate Named at Eleventh Hour Our Caucus.

After one caucus of leaders in the National American Woman Suffrage Association had framed a ticket, headed by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, for president, another caucus caused a surprise among delegates by putting in nomination, at the eleventh hour, an opposition ticket, headed by Mrs. Mina C. Van Winkle, of New Jersey, for president. Practical politics marked the morning's proceedings. While some members were at the Capitol to appear before the House Judiciary Committee, and others were in the convention hall listening to the report of the credentials committee, a number of what the suffragists termed "hot room" caucuses were held. Out of these grew not only the opposition candidate for the presidency, but nominations for other offices.

The "Co-operative ticket," the supporters of the Van Winkle ticket call theirs the "co-operative ticket." On it, for auditor, is Miss Maud Younker, of California, a prominent congressional Union worker. It was explained that the ticket represents those who believe the work of the Congressional Union and the National Association should be correlated.

Mrs. M. J. Patterson, of New Jersey, chairman of the caucus that nominated the "co-operative ticket," stated, following the caucus:

"We wish the convention to realize that there is a group of women who believe the policies of the national association and of the Congressional Union are not necessary in opposition. We believe that the two organizations should work in harmony, the national association continuing with its State work, and permitting the Congressional Union to place all possible stress on its national campaign and its work through Congress."

The "Regular" Ticket.

The "Regular" ticket, placed in nomination early today follows:

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, New York, president; Mrs. Frank M. Roosevelt, Pennsylvania, first vice president; Mrs. Katherine Dexter McCormick, Massachusetts, second vice president; Miss Esther Grede Gordon, New Jersey, third vice president; Miss Hannah J. Patterson, Pennsylvania, corresponding secretary; Mrs. James W. Morrison, Illinois, recording secretary; Mrs. Emma Wilson Rogers, Connecticut, treasurer; Mrs. Helen Guthrie Miller, Missouri, first auditor; Mrs. Fannie E. Jacobs, Alabama, second auditor.

Opposition candidates include Mrs. Van Winkle, for president; Miss Esther Grede Gordon, first vice president; Mrs. Nellie C. Somerville, Mississippi, second vice president; Dr. Katherine H. Davis, New York, third vice president; Mrs. Stanley McCormick, Illinois, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Helen Roy Greeley, Illinois, recording secretary; Mrs. Anna Jones, Rhode Island, first auditor; Mrs. James W. McCormick, Tennessee, second auditor.

There is no opposition to Mrs. Rogers for the office of treasurer.

WIFE SCORES POINT IN A. J. DREXEL CASE

Court Sustains Service of Notice and Suit For Separation Money Goes On.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, wife of the former Philadelphia millionaire, scored today in the second session of proceedings brought by Drexel to block her attempts to recover money under a separation agreement. Justice Neville entered judgment for Mrs. Drexel, refusing to set aside service of a notice of writ by the wife.

MRS. GALT MAY FIND STARTED SELECT PASTOR TO GIVE CHEER OF GIRLHOOD TO THE NEEDY

Rev. Dr. Logan, Old Friend of Family in Wytheville Among Clergymen Mentioned.

LIST NARROWS TO THREE

Rev. W. A. Goodman and Bishop Kinsolving Also Named in Speculation.

Speculation as to the details of President Wilson's marriage to Mrs. Norman Galt grew lively today when continued inquiries at the White House failed to elicit further information than that the ceremony will be performed Saturday, as announced.

With the wedding only two days distant, guessing as to what clergyman has been selected to officiate, brought into mention the names of three members of the Protestant Episcopal clergy. Two of these, the Rev. W. A. Goodman, now of Rochester, N. Y., and the Rev. Robert P. Long, now of Nashville, Tenn., were formerly residents of Wytheville, Va., the native town of the bride-to-be. The other mentioned by rumor is the Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan Lee Kinsolving, missionary bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Southern Virginia, who is reported to have originated from intimate friends of the bishop were received in Washington today stating that that dignitary had confided the fact that he was to officiate at the ceremony.

Some Names Eliminated.

Friends of Mrs. Galt are quoted today as saying that she has selected the Rev. Mr. Goodman because of his connection with the place of her birth and girlhood. Mr. Goodman's father was pastor of the Episcopal Church at Wytheville, which the bride-to-be attended when a girl.

Color was given to the rumor that Dr. Logan, formerly pastor of St. John's Church at Wytheville, had been asked to officiate by the fact that the clergyman paid a visit to Washington several days ago from his present charge at Roanoke, Va. Dr. Logan is an old and close friend of the Bolling family, who officiated at the marriage of Mrs. Galt, when Miss Edith Bolling was a child. Dr. Logan also performed the same service for her three sisters. He also read the funeral service for the late father, the late Judge William H. Bolling.

It has been definitely ascertained that neither the Rev. Sylvester Beach, who officiated at the two weddings in the Wilson family in this Administration, nor the Rev. Herbert Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Church, will perform the ceremony.

Coming of Wedding.

Members of the Wilson and Galt families who are absent from Washington will arrive here by Saturday morning early. Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, son-in-law and daughter of the President, and their baby son, Francis Woodrow Sayre, who was born at the White House last January, will arrive in Washington tomorrow. It is understood, "Miss Jessie's" old apartment, which she left as a bride in 1913, is ready for her.

Mrs. Anna Wilson Howe, the President's sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson, his brother-in-law, and their daughter, probably will move from Baltimore early Saturday morning.

The President's Younger Daughter and her husband, the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. McAdoo, and their daughter, Ellen, will also be in town.

Most of Mrs. Galt's immediate family are also in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Rolf E. Bolling will land in New York tomorrow from Panama, where Mr. Bolling is connected with a national bank, and Dr. William Bolling will arrive tomorrow from Louisville. Mrs. Galt's mother, Mrs. Bolling, her three sisters, Mrs. Hunter Galt, Mrs. Maury, and Miss Bolling, and three of her five brothers are already here. They have enjoyed several family dinners with the President and Mrs. Galt.

Many Gifts Received.

Many gifts have been received at both the White House and the Galt residence. The principal of these forwarded today, it is said, was a famous painting of a Virginia scene by a Virginia artist, which was sent as the gift of a Cabinet officer's wife. Another handsome present forwarded was a piece of Venetian furniture for hall or dining room use, while still another was a beautiful hand-marked piece, other presents included rugs, tapestries, curios and valuable art pieces.

BRITISH POLICE RAID MILITANTS' PAPER

Officials Seize Type Used in Publication of Pankhurst Organ.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The police early today raided the headquarters of the Pankhurst militant suffragettes and seized the type used in publishing the Pankhurst organ, Britanna, formerly called the Suffragette.

Hostilities between the government and the Pankhurst militants suspended at the outbreak of the war, were renewed a few weeks ago. Owners of a bill in which Mrs. Pankhurst was named to have made an address criticizing President Asquith for British failures in the war, expressed indignation for the meeting. Mrs. Pankhurst declared this action was taken at the request of the government and threatened reprisals.

AUSTRIA'S REPLY FAILS TO MEET U. S. DEMANDS ON SINKING OF ANCONA



FREDERICK C. PENFIELD.
Ambassador To Austria-Hungary.

Reply, Handed to Ambassador Penfield, in Vienna, Requests More Time and Urges Further Facts For Negotiation Toward Settlement of Issues.

SUGGESTS FINANCIAL REPARATION

American Government To Insist Upon Compliance With Demands, High Official Declares, Even At Risk of Breach in Diplomatic Relations.

Press dispatches from Amsterdam state that Austria's answer to the United States Ancona note was handed to Ambassador Penfield yesterday and the press summary shows that the imperial and royal government fails to meet America's demand for a prompt disavowal.

While expressing regret, the reply, though conciliatory, expresses a desire for delay and a further exchange of views. There is every indication, the dispatches say, that Austria will never consent to the demand that the submarine commander be punished. The whole tone of the note is said to be dilatory and the request for further negotiations is openly made.

Austria must give the satisfaction demanded of her by the American Government in reference to the Ancona case, or diplomatic relations between the two countries will be severed.

This statement is made today by a high official of the State Department who had previously been shown copies of press dispatches from Berlin and Amsterdam stating that the reply of Austria, delivered to Ambassador Penfield on Vienna, failed to meet the demands and was an evasion.

"The extracts from the reply, which these dispatches purport to give," declared this official, "are to my mind absolutely immaterial to the main issue. In my opinion it matters not what other circumstances were connected with the attack on the Ancona, if, as admitted in the original Austrian admiral's statement, the Ancona was trying to escape when torpedoed. Never before in warfare has any belligerent set up the right to sink an unarmed merchant ship with passengers on board, while such a ship was standing still, even though she may previously have tried to escape. Such a claim would be untenable."

ABSOLUTE COMPLIANCE.

"Therefore, unless Austria is in position to say that her original version of the attack was wrong," he continued, "and that she has definite proof that the Ancona was not standing still when attacked, anything else she might say, short of a compliance with the demands of the United States would be immaterial. If she has such proof, this country might discuss it. Otherwise, in my opinion, this country must insist on an absolute compliance with its demands, or break off relations."

"As late as last night, department officials were confident that Austria would eventually comply with the demands. While the reports indicate that the reply will be a demurrer, officials still have hope that, on the show-down, Austria, influenced by Germany, will see to it that diplomatic relations are not broken."

"The fact that the Austrian admiral may uphold the attack on the Ancona, is not regarded as necessarily an expression of the view to be taken by the Austrian foreign office. The German admiral upheld the sinking of the Lusitania and commended the commander of the submarine, but in the last analysis Germany showed a willingness to settle the case amicably, and Admiral von Tirpitz, head of the German admiral's, was transferred to another and less conspicuous post."

"No undue alarm is manifested over the press dispatches concerning the contents of the Austrian reply. Germany's notes in the Lusitania controversy were far more arrogant than this appears to be, and each vigorously defended the right of Germany to conduct her submarine warfare in a manner regarded by this Government as lawful."

LIMIT TO BE PUT ON CROWDS IN CARS

Public Utilities Commission To Begin Series of Observations to Remedy Conditions.

Following a number of complaints against the crowded condition of street cars, especially during the morning and afternoon "rush hours," the Public Utilities Commission is preparing to begin a series of observations with a view to establishing a maximum limit of the number of passengers that may be carried.

Observations will be made in all sections of the city and at all hours. In view of the unusual conditions created by the Christmas holidays, the work probably will not begin until after January 1.

The commission today received from Fred L. Fishback a letter stating that on the night of December 14, a Capital Traction car, leaving New York avenue and Fourteenth street at 10:40, carried ninety-one cash and ticket passengers in addition to those given transfers by the time it reached Fourteenth and U streets northwest.

Train Bandits Rob Mails and Express

Stop Kansas City Southern Flyer. Dynamite Safe. But Get Little Booty.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 16.—Three bandits early today held up Kansas City Southern passenger train No. 1, one mile south of Englewood, Ark. They forced the engineers to detach two baggage cars and one mail car, dynamited the Wells-Fargo Express Company safe and robbed the mail car. The passengers were not molested.

Three bandits crawled over the tender shortly after the train had passed Englewood and covered the engineer and fireman. The two baggage cars and one mail car were detached and the engineer ordered to pull ahead a short distance where the safe was dynamited, badly damaging the combination baggage and express car. After rifling the mail car, the robbers ordered the engineer to go ahead at slow speed with the front section of the train. The balance of the crew was left with the passenger cars.

The engineer stopped at Caron and reported the hold-up by telephone and a police officer was dispatched. Whether the bandits made their getaway on horseback or in an automobile, is not known. Another baggage car from the express car except four rifles, according to the Kansas City Southern headquarters. Four registered letters of unknown value were taken from the mail car.

President Greets Party.

Forty boys and girls of New England, who have won prizes in different agricultural pursuits, today called at the White House and were greeted personally by the President.

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